

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: August 16, 2006/Key Largo

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes x No

Department: DISTRICT FIVE

Staff Contact Person: DonnaHanson

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval of a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County recognizing Gladesman folk culture of Florida in Big Cypress National Preserve.

ITEM BACKGROUND: See attached resolution

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: Yes No

COST TO COUNTY:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No

AMOUNT PER MONTH **Year**

APPROVED BY: County Atty x OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: Glenn Patton
COMMISSIONER GLENN PATTON

DOCUMENTATION: Included x Not Required

DISPOSITION: **AGENDA ITEM #**

RESOLUTION NO. - 2006

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY
RECOGNIZING GLADESMAN FOLK CULTURE
OF FLORIDA IN BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL
PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, Monroe County is a culturally rich community and an outdoor paradise;
and

WHEREAS, Monroe County's cultural heritage and legacy is linked to the Everglades
and Big Cypress Swamp; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County transferred ownership of Loop Road to the United States
for the National Park Service (NPS), Dec. 8, 1999 for the sum of \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the quit-claim deed transferring Loop Road to NPS specified Loop Road to
remain open for public use (except during times of emergencies); and

WHEREAS, post-transfer bans were imposed by NPS upon various culturally traditional
vehicles and activities (eg. Swamp buggies, ATV's, hayrides etc.); and

WHEREAS, Monroe County heritage and legacy has suffered as a result of NPS's
actions; and

WHEREAS, the quit-claim deed did not specify or authorize long term or permanent
closure to selected types of vehicles or visitors; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County has determined that NPS is not operating Loop Road in the
manner specified in the quit-claim deed; and

WHEREAS, the operation of certain type vehicles upon Loop Road is deemed an
integral part of South Florida's historic cultural community heritage;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1: That the Gladesman Folk Culture is fully recognized and supported as an
integral part of South Florida's heritage and legacy inclusive of traditional activities and vehicles
historically utilized along Loop Road.

Section 2: Monroe County encourages the NPS management at Big Cypress National Preserve to permit re-instatement of the Gladesman Folk Culture's traditional activities and use of Loop Road so as to sustain the culture's existence and mitigate past impacts. Partnering to preserve this culture as we do in preservation of endangered and threatened species will only promote more support for conservation-a good thing.

Section 3: The Clerk is directed to send certified copies of this Resolution to Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Department of the Interior, Matthew J. Hogan, Acting Assistant Secretary of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Fran P. Mainella, Director, National Park Service, all located at 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240, Pat Hooks, Regional Director, National Park Service Southeast Region, 100 Alabama St. SW, 1924 Building, Atlanta, Ga. 30303, Fred Gaske, State Historic Preservation Officer, 505 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee FL. 32399-0250.

Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective on the date written below.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a meeting of said Board held on the 16th day of August, A.D., 2006.

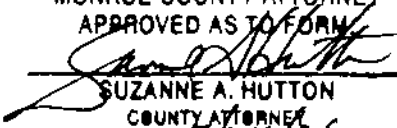
Mayor Charles "Sonny" McCoy	_____
Mayor Pro Tem Dixie M. Spehar	_____
Commissioner George Neugent	_____
Commissioner Glenn Patton	_____
Commissioner _____	_____

(SEAL)
Attest: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By _____
Deputy Clerk

By _____
Mayor/Chairman

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM

SUZANNE A. HUTTON
COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 7/27/06